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Folks, a problem has not been identified. infrastructure. People are saying there's a problem. We got hit, inundated, this committee, with people saying, we have a problem. I bought Last year I'm saying, you know what, we've got a into it. But I'll bet you, absolutely bet you any amount of problem. candy or--we're not supposed to gamble in this state--that I could not have last year identified that problem for you, because current law, everything that Senator Landis discussed, current law deals with. LB 78 dealt with it. can we deal with LB 78? Maybe that's solving the problem. Maybe that's something that the committee needs to go back and address. But the fact of the matter is, you can't go out and throw out duplicative piping right now. If you do, you're going to get fined, and you're going to have to pull it up, and it's happened, folks. It's happened.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: Do we need service territories? That problem has been tossed out there. We need them, we need them, we need them. Why? Was I naive enough to not be able to ask the appropriate questions? Possibly. I know Senator Landis wasn't naive enough. He thinks we need service territories. Fine. Let's have that argument. I don't believe it. Current law deals with it. I just laid it out. MUD can't go throughout the state and lay pipe down wherever it wants. Neither can Kinder Morgan, neither can Northwestern, neither can Aquila. One more time. Do we have a problem? If Senator Landis can lay that out without going down the duplicative pipe line, then I'll listen. But the fact of the matter is, we're at a point right now where we have to figure out whether we can...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...identify the problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Chambers motion. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all.